



# ARC-OVER

June 2015

## **Turlock Amateur Radio Club**

**Monthly Meetings** - 2nd Tuesday of Each Month  
War Memorial Building at 247 East Canal Turlock  
7: 00pm Everyone Welcome

MAY 12, 2015    TARC General Meeting    Turlock War Memorial

7:00 p.m. Ron Roos, KJ6KNL, Our President, called the meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance. All members and guests introduced themselves.

Sign in sheet was sent around.

Old business; Minutes from our last meeting on April 14, 2015 were circulated around the room earlier. Ron mentioned that members had an opportunity to view the minutes on the last ARC Over. Ron recommended that we approve the minutes if there were not additions or changes to be made. Bambi Schmidt, KI6YQL, made a motion to approve. Chris Coffin, K6CP, seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion carried.

Mike Smith, KJ6VFL, gave his usual detailed Treasurer's Report. We currently have 68 dues paid members. Copies of the report are available for review. Stan Williams, KJ6BKZ, welcomed Tony Rose, WA6KOI and Carolyn. Members commented that they

appreciated the ARC Over. Stan stated that DJ, N6AWH, helped with the Arc Over. Darren Nunes, K6RDJ, and Grady Williams, K6IXA, sent pictures and information in.

Grady Williams began the presentation on Winlink. Winlink, RMS, was developed to get all the same page in case of emergencies. This way we are all speaking the same 'language'. There is a Volunteer Network, American Radio Safety Foundation, Search and rescue and Maritime also use Winlink. The presentation covered Email transfer Paths, Peer to Peer or Person to Person, across town VHF Frequency and across countries HF Frequency. The modes to move email on Winlink include; Telnet (Internet), Packet, Proctor, Winmor (software based TNC) and Post Office- LAN Network, Mesh Networks and Wireless. For more information go to [Winlink.org](http://Winlink.org)

Rick Frost, K4REF on You Tube has the details on how to get started.

Grady Williams mentioned that you can set up a Telnet system without purchasing all the expensive equipment. ARES, Merced and Mariposa will be using this Telnet.

Mike demonstrated how to send a text message/ email to a cell phone (Bambi's) and other stations (one in Las Vegas). 7.702 (40 meters) Winmore

Repeater Committee; Grady Williams discussed the Batteries. They would be costly and so the board members reconsidered. There is a Generack dealer in Mariposa that has a 8KW generator. Ron Duran has a grant to provide for this. Grady read the proposals. \$611.20 (Suburban Propane) and \$1.34 per gallon of gas. Norwall (Arizona) would be \$2,838.07 and has free

shipping. Finally for the Install and Wiring it would be \$1602.  
The total is \$5052.

Grady will call the property owner to check that he is ok will all.

Vaughn Wilson, K6IMN, made a motion to approve these proposals. Darren Nunes, seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Field Day; Darren Nunes reminded everyone that there will be a GOTA station set up. We could use more brickettes. There will need to be a clean up crew on Sunday. On our next meeting, we will sign up for food to bring. Some of the frequencies are still open. 160 is open. Reno will operate 80, voice. 40 meters will be covered by Mike. Darren will take 40 meters, voice. Ron will take 20 meters and 20 voice. W6ABJ will take data and DJ will take CW.

June 6<sup>th</sup> is the Grace Bishop Fundraiser Run. Meet at Huckleberrys at 6:00 AM and then 7:00 at the Gym.

Raffle; A nice First Aid Kit was raffled off.

8:15 p.m. Ron thanked all for coming, the meeting was adjourned.

## Upcoming Events

Grace Bishop Run: June 6

General Meeting: June 9

ARRL Field Day: June 27-28

Board Meeting: July 8

General Meeting: July 14

## **Ham Cram Info**

### **StanARES Ham Cram Study Session and Examination**

*Sponsored by Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association*

The Ham Cram is an all day study session and test out for your ham radio license. Doors open at 7:45 AM on test day, registration begins at 8AM. And the study begins at 8:30am.

The Ham Cram is designed for new licensees and General upgrade only. No Ham Cram will be offered for Extra upgrades although the Extra exam is available for the Test Out.

Test out only, please arrive between 3:30 and 4:00 pm to register, tests will be given at 4:00PM

Ham Cram cost is \$20, Test Only \$15

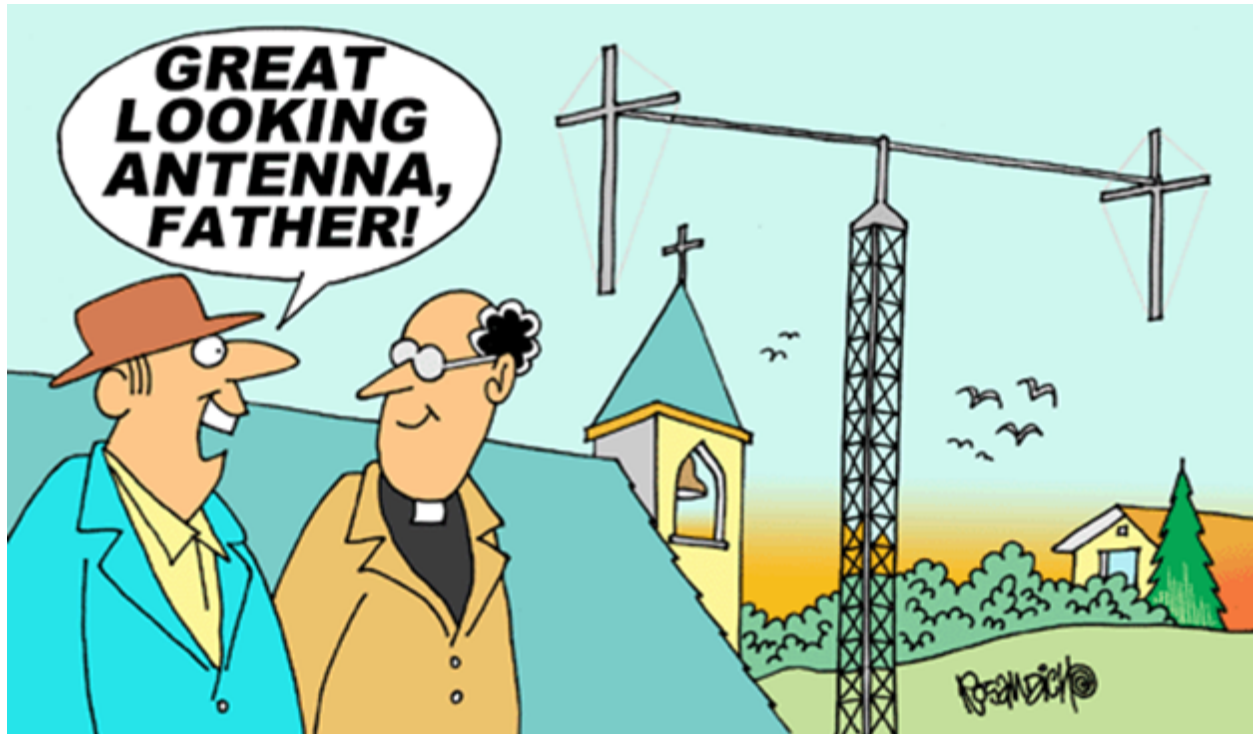
### **Our next Ham Cram**

**When:** August 15, 2015

**Where:** Stanislaus Emergency Operations Center

3705 Oakdale Road, Modesto, CA

For questions contact John, K6JRO, at [HamCram@StanAres.org](mailto:HamCram@StanAres.org)



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### **FCC Rules to Eliminate Vanity Call Sign Fee and GMRS License Fee**

I note that the FCC is eliminating the fees for amateur radio license vanity calls signs. In addition, the commission is also eliminating the license fee for GMRS. The reason? Pure economics. Apparently, it costs more to process the fees (both granting licenses and vanity calls *and* refunding unsuccessful application fees) than the fees bring in. Wow...a government decision that actually makes sense!

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/fcc-el...regulatory-fee>

Here's the official FCC proposal (the pertinent vanity call and GMRS sections are on pages 8 and 9):

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Rele...CC-15-59A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Rele...CC-15-59A1.pdf)

**An article sent to me by Chris, K6CP.**

**Thank you Chris**

A 98 year old man died Tuesday was likely the last living person who worked on the Golden Gate Bridge.

The San Francisco Chronicle report that Gus Villalra died at a hospital in San Jose just one day before the 78th anniversary of the bridge's opening.

His son Los Banos mayor Michael Villata called his father a humble man.

The Italian-born Villata landed a job as an electrician's assistant after graduating in the midst of the Great Depression. He was paid 75 cents an hour to pass wire to more experienced workers on the south tower.

He served in the Army in WWII and then settled in Los Banos, where he became well-known.

Villalta had a [ham radio station](#), ran Gus' Radio and Television repair shop until he was 88 years old and stopped to talk to friends on his daily afternoon walk through town.

**SILENT KEY**

**GUSTAVE VILLALTA**

**418 K**

**LOS BANOS, CA 93635**

**USA**

**QSL: SK MAY 26, 2015**

**At our next general meeting, June 9th, Dick - K6SUU, will give a presentation on HF DX, something he calls 'Arm Chair DX for Paper Hangers'. Looking forward to it Dick.**

For those early risers out there, tune into the Beer & Pizza Net at 6:30am weekdays on the club's freq, 147.030 +100.

Manuel, N6MTM is net control, or sometimes lack of control. Always a fun net and you might learn something, but I doubt it.

**Did You Know?**

- **Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest**

## **ARC-OVER Input**

I'm always looking for input from our members for the ARC-OVER. Please send me your pictures, articles, critiques, helpful hints, advice, items for sale, anything you are looking to buy, whatever.

If you'd like to showcase your hamshack, your antenna farm or maybe a project your working on, let me know and I'll stop by and take pictures and your story.

Email me at [kj6bkz@yahoo.com](mailto:kj6bkz@yahoo.com).

**Thanks for checking out the ARC-OVER.**

**73**

**Stan kj6bkz**